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In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of CenturyLink
For Authority to Discontinue NetPoint
Feature for DS1 Service

ND-2013-17-C

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,¹ CenturyLink applies for authority to discontinue NetPoint, which is an optional feature associated with DS1 services provided by CenturyLink.

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

CenturyLink
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The anticipated date for discontinuing CenturyLink's NetPoint product is November 1, 2013, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. After this date CenturyLink will grandfather existing NetPoint deployments, such that the NetPoint feature will be maintained on the circuits on which it is deployed as of that date, but customers will not be able to order NetPoint for new circuits. CenturyLink is grandfathering only the NetPoint feature and not the DS1 services with which it is associated.

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¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue the provision of NetPoint in the states of Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

CenturyLink is seeking authority to discontinue its NetPoint product, which is an optional feature currently offered with its DS1 services.² NetPoint is an Integrated Service Digital Network-Primary Rate Interface (ISDN-PRI) standardized access product offering supported by the ISDN architecture. It provides for the integration of multiple transmission channels on the same line.

CenturyLink currently provides this product to five customers, which purchase a total of 25 circuits. As previously stated, CenturyLink is not discontinuing its DS1 Service or ISDN-PRI Service. ISDN services remain available in CenturyLink's State tariffs.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

CenturyLink has sent letters to all of its NetPoint customers via U.S. Mail informing them of CenturyLink's plan to discontinue the offering of NetPoint, while grandfathering existing deployments of the product. A template for those letters is shown in Exhibit A.

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CenturyLink is a dominant carrier with regard to the service to be discontinued.

² NetPoint is currently found in sections 7.2.8(D)(8), 7.5.8(C)(6) and 22.5.8(C) of CenturyLink Operating Companies FCC Tariff No. 9 (pages 7-57-7-64, 7-301-7-303, 22-96, 22-98).

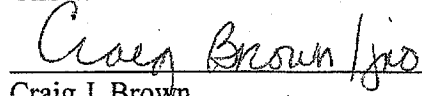
7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each affected state identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

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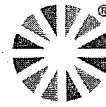


EXHIBIT A

CenturyLink®

August 6, 2013

CUSTOMER NAME
ADDRESS
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP

Dear CUSTOMER,

We are writing to inform you of CenturyLink's plan to grandfather a feature of our High Capacity Service known as NetPoint, which is an ISDN-PRI feature on DS1 service. This is currently available in CenturyLink's F.C.C. #9 tariff. Please note this is grandfathering of the NetPoint feature only, and does not include grandfathering of DS1 services. The effective date for grandfathering NetPoint is November 1, 2013, or as soon after that date as the FCC authorizes this discontinuance. After that date, customers will not be able to order NetPoint for new circuits, but CenturyLink will continue to maintain all NetPoint circuits in place as of that date.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of CenturyLink. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We show you have the following NetPoint service in place at the time of this letter:


- Billing Account Number: XXXXXXXXXXXX
- Circuit ID: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Assuming these circuits remain in place as of the date of the grandfathering, these circuits will be maintained by CenturyLink, though you will not be able to add new NetPoint features to other circuits after the grandfathering date.

Please contact your account representative should you have any questions.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joan O'Donnell, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** to be 1) filed with the Secretary of the FCC via courier (original and five copies plus one for stamp and return), 2) served, via U.S. Mail on the Governors of the states listed on the attached service list, 3) served, via U.S. Mail, on the Public Utility Commissions listed on the attached service list, and 4) served via U.S. Mail on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.



Joan O'Donnell

August 12, 2013

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